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PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING
SYSTEM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance included at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed August 8, 2006, characterizes the invention in terms of "a distribution member disposed within a flow passage of a heating gas supply and having structure in which ventilation directions are substantially random to form a turbulent state of the heated gas." Applicants understand this statement as intended to be applicable to Claim 1, but not all of the claims of the present application. For example, independent Claim 18 recites "a distribution member disposed within a flow passage of the heating gas supplied from the heating gas supply section, and configured to improve distribution uniformity of the heating gas onto the bottom surface of the target."

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Reply to Notice of Allowance of August 8, 2006

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's statement of reasons allowance is understood not to apply to independent Claim 18, as well as the claims depending therefrom.


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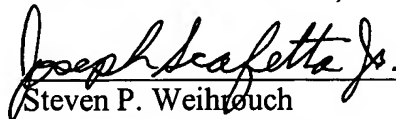
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